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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

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Serial No.: 09/023,232

Filing Date: 13 February 1998

For: NUDE MOUSE MODEL FOR HUMAN  
NEOPLASTIC DISEASE

Examiner: Anne Marie Sabrina Wehbé, Ph.D.

Group Art Unit: 1632

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 11 August 2003, time for response to which was set to expire 11 November 2003. A petition for an extension of time of two (2) months until 11 January 2004 is attached along with the required fee. All pending claims, claims 1-18, 20-25, 27-28, 30-37, 42-49 and 54-61 were rejected and the rejection was made final.

Applicants wish to express their appreciation for both the thorough and thoughtful construction of the Office action to which this forms a response and for the consideration shown the President of the assignee, Dr. Robert Hoffman, and the undersigned representative at an

interview on 7 November 2003. The discussion at the interview was very helpful in permitting applicants to understand the position of the Office and to position the arguments made in response. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, both written and as discussed, and the following clarifying amendment and remarks are offered in response.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted along with this response.